

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday April 24, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Doug Mood was not present, but left his votes with Vice Chairman Molnar.

APPEARANCE
Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(142) In the matter of Sprint Communications Company April 5, 2006 filing to its Public Service Commission Price List No. 1. In this filing Sprint is introducing additional Block of Time option for customers, reducing the FONCARD Per Call Surcharge Rate, and is introducing Switched Data Service Rate for Sprint Business Simple Plan Rate. Sprint is also requesting to make miscellaneous text changes- Docket No. N2006.4.51:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Sprint's filing in Docket No. N2006.4.51. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Kim Moran
Utility Division

(143) In the matter of Qwest Services Corporation April 10, 2006 filing for Commission approval of a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and RBC Dain Rausher Corporation. This filing was submitted pursuant to Section 2.18, Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence, of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs. The MSA is the result of a competitive bidding process to provide Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Service (IDSN PRS) and/or Uniform Access Solution Service (UAS) services- Docket No. N2006.4.55:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Master Service Agreement as requested. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(143) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 17, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney
Legal Division

(144) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest typographical error correction-Docket No. N2006.4.53:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the typographical error correction in N2006.4.53. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(145) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation Notice of Filing-Intent to offer certain CLASS features, AIN features, Custom Calling features, listings and packages as not regulated-Docket No. D2006.3.39:

Commissioner Raney moved to schedule Docket D2006.3.39 for public hearing and issue a conforming notice. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(146) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Revised telecommunications service rules:

Commissioner Raney moved to notice the revised telecommunications service rules draft for hearing subject to edits discussed by staff and any minor edits which do not change the substance of the draft. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Schneider voted no on this matter.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(147) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy application for Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees-Docket No. D2005.12.170:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant reconsideration of the tribal tax issue; deny all other requests for reconsideration; grant rehearing with respect to the allocation of taxes between regulated and unregulated assets and the allocation of increased taxes on transmission assets between MPSC regulated and FERC regulated transactions; and deny NorthWestern Energy request that if the Commission grant a limited hearing, that it appoint advocacy staff. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Legal Division
Dave Burchett and Leroy Beeby, Utility Division

(148) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.4.49 – Mountain Water's general rate case, order on reconsideration:

Commissioner Schneider moved to accept the drafted order on reconsideration submitted by staff.
Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday April 27, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Dave Burchett, Kim Moran, Kate Whitney - Utility Division

(149) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.5.87 - NorthWestern Energy 2005-2006 natural gas tracker:

Commissioner Molnar moved to direct staff to draft an order approving NWE gas tracker in Docket No. D2005.5.87 consistent with the post-hearing memo from staff and bring back to the Commission for final action at a subsequent work session. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)